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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Koji TAKAHASHI**

Group Art Unit: **2812**

Serial No.: **10/650,072**

Examiner: **Scott B Geyer**

Filed: **August 28, 2003**

Confirmation No.: **5818**

For: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A MEMORY INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT DEVICE**

Attorney Docket Number: **031038**

Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 23, 2005

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated January 25, 2005, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Species 4, Figures 53A-55B. It is believed that claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 11-15 read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen G. Adrian', is written over the firm name.

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